The Bulletin's Circulation in Norwich is Double That of Any Oth Paper, and its Total Circulation is the Largest in Connecticut in Proportion to the City's Population

FLEET OF U. S. DESTROYERS OPERATING IN THE WAR ZONE

No Reports of Engagements.

rines, while the big ships are held in readiness to meet any attempt by the Germans to claim a place upon the surface of the sea. The American

battle fleet stands as an additiona

\$100,000,000 to the Former, \$45,000,000,-000 to the Latter-Loans to Entente

The money was loaned, to be spent s needed, without stipulation or un-

With the Federal Army.

GERMAN EDUCATIONAL BOOKS

London, May 16, 7.05 p. m.—Some 3,500 packages of books consigned from Germany to educational insti-tutions in the United States have been released by the British prize court

released by the British prize court and are now on their way to America. The books are many thousand in num-ber and of scientific and educational nature.

The court decided there was no reason why they should not be delivered to the purchasers.

RELEASED BY GREAT BRITAIN Some 3,500 Packages Are Now

AND BELGIUM YESTERDAY

allies can fling into such a fight.

Allies Now Total \$670,000,000.

LOANS MADE TO RUSSIA

A Squadron Had Safe Passage Across the Atlantic and is Now Patrolling the Seas on War Service

ONE SHIP DID CONVOY DUTY ON THE WAY OVER

A Cowd of Several Hundred Persons on the Water Front at DISTINGUISHED MEN TO ATTEND Queenstown Greeted the Flotilla With Cheers-In Answer to British Commander's Query: "When Will You be Ready to Start?" the American Commander Replied Promptly: "We Can Start at Once"-British Admiralty Has Announced That a Brush Has Occurred Between an American Destroyer and a German U-Boat -Have Been Cooperating With Allied Navy Since May 4th.

Queenstown, May 16, 9.11 p. m.—A co-operation between the naval forces equadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas on war service. The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

The American torpedo boat of the United States and those of the Other nations at war with Germany. Plans formulated after reports from Rear Admiral Sims, made as a result of his conferences with the British and French admiralties, are now being effectuated. It has been the purpose of the United States navy to give the largest measure of assistance to the other countries at war with Germany that is of it has not been made public.

The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyige across the Atlantic, but almost immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British nagal officials, put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

No Reports
"The navy de no reports that

Cheered by Crowds. A crowd of several hundred per-sons some of them carrying thy American flags, lined the waterfront and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock. The crowd cheered again when a few moments later the American senior officers came ashore to greet the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American consul, who had come down to the dock to welcome the flotilla. The commander of the British flotilla was waiting on board his ship and sent wireless greetings to the American units as they hove in sight. After the exchange of shore greet. After the exchange of shore greet-igs, and the British commander had ongratulated the American officers on left safe younge he asked heir safe voyage, he asked:
"When will you be ready for busi-

Ready to Start at Once. "We can start at once," the American commander replied promptly.

This response, so characteristically American, surprised the British commander, who said he had not expected the Americans would be ready to begin work on this side so soon after their long voyage. When he had re-covered from surprise, however, he made a short tour of the destroyers The equipment on board the destroyers was found to be in excellent condition and remarkably well suited to the requirements on this side of the ocean. In fact, the British officer said that the only thing lacking in the equipment of the American sailors was heavier clothing. This lack, however, was quickly provided for.

After the formalities had ended and the needs of the men were attended to

the needs of the men were attended to the American ships at once put out to sea, the men, from captains to ordi-nary seamen, looking in the pink of ion and apparently enthusiastic One Escorted Passenger Steamer.

One of the American destroyers be-gan war duty even before reaching this side of the Atlantic. This was when it picked up and escorted through the danger zone one of the argest of the Atlantic liners. This action so pleased the passengers on board that they sent a message of greeting and appreciation to the comnander of the destroyer. The message

officers and crew and desire to express their keen appreciation of this practi-cal co-operation between the govern-ment and people of the United States COL. ROOSEVELT TO HAVE and the British empire, who are now fighting together for the freedom of the seas."

COMMISSION IN ANY EVENT

PICKED CREWS HAVE CARRIED FLAG INTO THE WAR ZONES Operating With Allied Naval Forces In European Waters Since May 4th.

Washington, May 16.—Formal announcement that American destroyers manned by picked crews have carried the flag into the war zones of Europe and are operating against German submaring. permit him to go to East, expeditionary force.

Colonel Roosevelt said: "Governor Whitman has, as you know, offered me the commission of major general the volunteer plan for sending accepted in rope and are operating against Ger-man submarines with British and French war vessels was made to-night by Secretary Daniels after the if the volunteer plan for sending troops abroad is not accepted in Washington. The commission would news had come from London. The number and names of the vessels were not disclosed. It was made clear, however, that the fighting power of the nation was to be exerted to its utmost to stamp out the U-boat authorize me to raise one or more di-visions in New York state, but the members would not necessarily come from this state."

Secretary Daniels' Statement.

The secretary's statement follows; United States naval forces have been operating with the allied naval forces in European waters since May 4th. A number of destroyers sailed from American ports in the latter part of April and all arrived at their destination without accident or delay of any kind. They were ready for operations when they arrived and went into service humediately.

The United States vessels are un- nature. der command of Rear Admiral Sims, who went to England and France sev-

Cabled Paragraphs

Cambridge University Honora Page. London, May 16, 5.05 p. m.—Cambridge university today conferred honorary degrees on Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, and Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the South African commander. Laudatory addresses in Latin were made in conferring the degrees and the recipients, who were cheered loudly, broke precedent by making speeches of acknowledgment.

FUNERAL OF JOSEPH H. CHOATE. entatives of Foreign Govern ments as Well as of This Country.

New York, May 16.—Distinguished representatives of foreign governments, a swell as many of the most prominent men of this country, are expected to attend the funeral here tomorrow of Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain and dean of the American bar. The Right Rev. C. H. Brent, Protestant Episcopal bishop of the Philippines, will officiate.

Messages of condolence from all parts of the world continued to ar-rive at the Choate home today. Be-sides those from President Wilson, King George of England and other notables, there was one from the Duke of Connaught, long a personal friend of Mr. Choate, in which the duke ex-

came a telegram saying "the univer-sity mourns the loss of one of her best beloved sons and the country of one of its most honored citizens." The New England society, of which countries at war with Germany that is consistent with the full and complete protection of our own coasts and ter-The New England society, of which Mr. Choate was elected president 50 years ago, passed resolutions expressing sympathy for the family and characterizing Mr. Choate's long life as one "which gave us an example of the best type of American." "The navy department has received to reports that engagements have occurred between the United States ves-

Condolence from President Wilson. Washington, May 16. — President Wilson today sent the following letter o Mrs. Choate:
"My Dear Mrs. Choate: May I not

sels now in European waters and the vssels of the enemy."
The disposition of the destroyers has been left entirely to Admiral join in expressing what I believe to be the grief of the whole nation at the death of your honored and distin-guished husband. The news of it came as a great shock to me, and I wish to convey to you my most heart felt sympathy.
(Signed)
"Cordially and sincerely yours.

"WOODROW WILSON."

PROJECT FOR SETTLEMENT OF IRISH HOME RULE QUESTION Outlined in Letter by Prime Minister to John Redmond.

prime minister today sent a letter to John Redmond, letter of the Irish Nationalist party, outlining the government's project for the settlement of the home rule question. He askd Mr. Redmond to state his views on the government's suggestions in order that the government may be able to consider the matter before Monday. As soon as the premier's proposals were available, the Irish Unionists met to discuss the document. The Nationalists will hold a meeting on Thursday morning for the same purpose.

Continuation of this work. He askd seried Lamar outlined his own plans to him to fight the munitions business and he agreed with him.

Tiet that by increasing the profits and he appointed to the advisory commission subject to the senate's country were forced into the war, where their profits had been millions, where their profits had been millions, and the funds he gave me came from business men, clergymen and from this will hold a meeting on this seried Lamar outlined his own plans to him to fight the munitions business and offered an amend ment to the law creating the defense council to provide that hereafter men shall be appointed to the advisory commission subject to the senate's country were forced into the war, where their profits had been millions, "Martin testified. "Lamar told me the funds he gave me came from business men, clergymen and from himself. I disbursed all I got from himself. I disbursed all I got from him and from others, as well as some him and from himself. I disbursed all I got from himself. I disbursed all I got from himself.

The government, the letter set forth. erstanding of any sort further than ussia stands back of the obligation, ill make it good and will spend the oney in this country under the suwill make it good and will spend the money in this country under the supervision of a representative of the treasury department or a commission to be named by the government.

The latter stipulation was made in a spirit of co-operation, without intending to embarraes the Russian government or to curtail its purchasing powers, but with the end in view that Russia will secure the maximum result for the money she is to spend. To aid in this the treasury department will place at her disposal the services of expert buyers in this country.

A credit of \$45,000,000 to Belgium also was established today by Secre-

A credit of \$45,000,000 to Belgium also was established today by Secretary McAdoo, the sum to be withdrawn in six monthly installments of \$7,500,000 each. This marked Belgium's first participation in the loan to the allies and brought the total of sums advanced and credit established by the government to entente nations up to \$670,000,000 within the three weeks.

TWO LINEMEN KILLED,

TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED By Derailment of a Flat Car One Mile East of Vernon, Conn .- Injured Men

ment of a gas-driven flat car used by telegraph construction workers, about a mile east of the station this afternoon, caused the death of two line-men and seriously injury to two oth-ers. The dead:

Thomas Duffy of Hancock, N. Y. He

leaves a widow and three children. W. R. Thomas, 20 years old, of Anticoth, Va.

The seriously injured who weer taken to a Williamntic hospital are William Manager of Bolton and Laurence Ricad of Williamntic.

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Washington, May 18.—The administration and the entire force boarded the first carry which proceeded towards Vernon at a whi

Fresident is to Control Commerce

VESTED WITH POWER IN NEW

MAY USE ARMED FORCES

Measure Covers Both Interstate and Foreign Commerce During the War -Penalty of \$10,000 Fine and Five

Washington, May 16.—A provision empowering the president to use the nation's armed forces to prevent any obstruction "of the orderly conduct or movement of interstate or foreign commerce" during the war was writmovement of interstate or foreign commerce" during the war was writ-ten into the administration's preferen-tial shipment bill today at a confer-ence between President Wilson and Chairmen Newlands and Adamson of the congressional interstate com-

Introduced in Senate and House. Immediately afterward the revised neasure was introduced in the senate Senator Newlands and in the house by Representative Adamson, replacing the original measure presented yes-terday by Representative Webb. The terday by Representative Webb. The provisions of the Webb resolution, giving presidential authority to stipu-late what commodities shall have pref-

A Severe Penalty Provided. One provision added to the prefer-ential shipment section would make it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$10,000 and five years' imprisonment for any carrier or its employes to fall to comply promptly with a preferential shipment order. Another would give the interstate commerce commission authority to fix a just compensation for any extraordinary service render ed by a carrier in complying with such

HENRY B. MARTIN TESTIFIES IN RINTELEN CONSPIRACY CASE Did Not Knowingly Use German Money

in Anti-Munitions Campaign.

New York, May 16 .- Conceding that he had spent all the money he could get from David Lamar and others in a campaign against the "munition trust," Henry B. Martin, secretary of the American Anti-Trust league, made the American Anti-Trust league, made sweeping denial here today that he had knowingly used German money in furthering the work of Labor's National Peace Council. He took the witness chair in his own behalf at his trial with Lamar, Captain Franz Rintelen of the German navy and four others on charges of conspiracy in 1915 to put an end to the entente allies' munitions trade in this country by fomenting strikes through the council.

Martin said he had been engaged ly vehement. 16.—The British and that his activities in 1915 were a activities of the commission, especial ay sent a letter to continuation of this work. He aser of the Irish Naserted Lamar outlined his own plans ment contracts and offered an agreement of the letting of government contracts and offered an agreement contracts and offered an agreement of the letting of government contracts and offered an agreement contracts and offered an activities of the commission.

him and from others, as well as some of my own and some I borrowed, for the work. Lamar never mentioned the name Rintelen to me, nor any of the aliases it has been testified he used."

The witness admitted that he continued similar activities after he was indicted. He denied that he ever fo-

EXCELLENT WEATHER FOR CROPS IN THE WEST. Decidedly Unfavorable.

Washington, May 16.—More season-able weather conditions during the week just ended caused crops to make

week just ended caused crops to make excellent progress in the western half of the country, but in eastern districts extreme cold was decidedly unfavorable.

The national weather and crop bulletin today said cotton and corn and some garden truck were not only retarded but considerably damaged by Shafroth were among the few demonstrations of the commission for alleged mismanagement. Persons desiring to sell war materials to the war and navy departments, it was asserted, were required first to confer with civilians of the commission.

Defense of Executive Branch.

Senators Martin, Underwood and Shafroth were among the few demonstrations of the commission for alleged mismanagement.

Defense of Executive Branch. was more favorable for warm work,

was more favorable for warm work, however, and good progress was made in all sections. There are many reports of increased acreage of food crops, although the necessity of planting and the lack of labor will reduce the intended increase somewhat.

Winter wheat generally is making good growth except in Oklahoma. Corn is being planted on much of the abandoned winter wheat acreage in Nebraska. Spring wheat is making excellent growth in the southern and central states of the belt and on the Pacific coast. Cool weather in central and eastern districts was unfavorable for corn and in places much will need to be replanted.

There are many reports of increased acreage for potatoes.

Crats who spoke in defense of the executive branch. It was pointed out that actual purchases were made only by the government departments and the conduct of the preliminary investigations and negotiations by the advisory commission had resulted in saving millions of dollars on war contracts.

Senator Lodge replied to criticisms that the senate has been delaying war legislation.

"In observations frequently made, we have been called slackers and it has been said we are doing nothing." Senator Lodge saod. "Six weeks ago today the war was declared. I have never worked so hard or so much as since the declaration of war. We began by passing four great loan

NO FURTHER EFFORT FOR

Newspapers to Continue as at Present.

Senate Criticises **Executive Branch**

WHILE CONSIDERING THE \$3, 390,000,000 WAR BUDGET

PROGRESS

The Council of National Defense, th Shipping Board and President Wil son All Were Assailed During Turb

Washington, May 16 .- In beginning consideration today of the \$3,399,000,-000 war budget the senate devoted the entire session to sweeping criti-cism of the executive branch of the government. Seldom has the sen-ate chamber been the scene of such vehement attacks continued for five nement attacks, continued for five urs behind closed doors and re-wed after the doors were opened. No progress was made on the bill, but with the outburst of indignation out of the way, senate leaders thought assage of the huge war appropriameasure would not be long de

Targets of Senatorial Wrath. The Council of National Defense, composed of cabinet officers, its civilian advisory commission and the government shipping board, were sperial targets of senatorial wrath and President Wilson himself was sharp-ly criticised. The council was charged with unsurpation of authority and with unlawfully delegating power to the advisory commission. The shipthe advisory commission. The ship-ping board was assailed for alleged interference with private ship builders and for insisting upon its wooden ship programme. The president was at tacked for alleged lack of co-operation and consultation with congress

Limits Powers of Defense Council. The upshot of the entire discussion was adoption of an amendment by Senator Sterling of South Dakota, setting forth powers of the council of national defense shall not be consider some defended enlarged because of war conditions. A section of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the defense council was the basis for the debate.

In Executive Session. ocratic Leader Martin cons i to an executive session, suggested Senator Weeks of Massachusetts cause the whole bill involved dis cussion of confidential military ques-tions. Five hours afterwards the doors were opened because republican senators, including Lodge, Norris and Brandegee, suggested it was not proper that such statements as had been heard should be made without cog-nizance of the public and without opportunity for those attacked to offer

Democratic senators, it was said afterward, began the discussion by criticizing certain acts of the advisory commission. Senator Reed of Missouri was said to have been particular

ferred some of their powers upon the advisory commission, particularly as to the purchasing of supplies.

It was asserted that General Goe thals opposed building of wooder thals opposed building of wooden ships, favoring steel, but had been compelled by the shipping board to proceed with wooden construction. Senator Weeks said that members of the shipping board had prevented a private shipbuilding company from raising capital and deterred individuals from investing, advising them against putting money into specific. against putting money into specific

chases. Senator McKellar of Tennesses and other criticized the defense coun-cil and the advisory commission for al-

Senators Martin, Underwood and Shafroth were among the few demo-crats who spoke in defense of the

Condensed Telegrams

John D. Rockefeller subscribed \$5, Ministers of Cleveland will have ringside seats at boxing matches in the future.

A large aeroplane factory near Kop-enick in the outskirts of Berlin, was destroyed by fire. The allied bazaar committee set side \$62,000 for the relief suffering n the nations of the Allied Entente.

Roland S. Morris of Philadelphia was virtually decided upon by Presi-lent Wilson for ambassadorto Japan. The British steamer Crescilian is i drydock at St. John's, N. F., as a re-sult of striking an iceberg off Cape

The safe in the postoffice at Lei-ester, N. Y., was dynamited by rob-ers, who escaped with \$550 in money

and stamps. S O. S. calls and open boats loaded with men are being used by German submarines to decoy Allied ships to

Bagdad is open to internationa correspondence. Cablegrams may not be accepted. The rate is the same a other offices in Mesopotamia.

A contract was awarded to a New York company for the construction of cantonment of 778 buildings in Chickamauga Park by June 15. Police Chief Hanse, of Freeport, L. I. saw a theatrical poster of a girl in diaphanous costume. He got some

green paint and gave her a coat. Owing to a general strike of their workers all American packing in-terests in Uruguay have closed their plants. Five thousand == n are out.

The British War Office of Works, in utlining work to be done after the outlining work to be done after the war hazards the guess that peace will be declared in the summer wext

Frost during Tuesday night was reorted yesterday in the upland sections of Wallingford, so severe i some places as to damage garder

Former German steamships in Phil

A dispute, over three cents lost a

cards furnished the motive for the killing of Eugene Gulota, in New York's Italian quarter. The slayer King George visited several American armed passenger liners, chatted with bluelackets, and took the liveli

American guns, They want Billy Sunday on the Bow said ery. "Jimmy Kelly," gang leader, is by willing to hire a hall for the evange-

Henry L. Johnson, a negro, a re-Atlanta recruit a regiment of Georgia velt if permitted to.

Judgments convicting Joseph Tor-tora and Morris Hoffman of New York of violating the law prohibiting bookmaking were sustained by the Court of Appeals.

Every republic not engaged in the war will be represented in the Latin_ American Congress at Buenos Aires, beginning July 9, for a discussion of mutual measures of protection.

100,000 Southern Slave in this cour try, many of them veteran soldiers, have gone into training with a view of offering their services to the United States in volunteer military units.

to go to France to obtain aeroplanes for its army. Machines of American manufacture have failed completely to meet the War Department test. Major-Gen. Hunter Liggett arriv-

ed at San Francisco from the Philip-pines and took command of the west-ern department of the army. He re-

Benan J. Dawes, president of the Ohio Cities Gas Co., of Columbus, and some friends, have donated a complete field ambulance unit, consisting of 20 motor ambulances, a repair car, and equipment, to the American Ambu-

BRITISH TENA HOLD THEIR GRO

Against Heavy Counter-Attacks by German Forces Between Garvelle and the Scarpe River

GERMANS UNABLE TO REGAIN POSITIONS LOST

On the Aisne Sector the French Line Was Beaten Back by Germans, But the Ground Was Later Retaken by the French in Strong Counter-Attacks-Italians Are Kceping Up Their Strong Offensive Against the Austrians Along the Isonzo Front-In Mesopotamia and in Macedonia Successes for the Entente Allies Are Recorded.

Between Gavrelle and the Scarpe the forceful offensive, but, like the River in France the German forces British, the Frenchmen baunched brilliant counter-attacks again made extraordinarily neavy counter-attacks against posiheavy counter-attacks against positions taken from them recently by
Field Marshal Haig's men, but again
the British inflicted exceptionally
heavy casualties on them and held
their ground At one point by numerically superior forces the Germans
forced the British to fall back, but,
returning to the fray, the British immediately repulsed the Germans and
recaptured their lost terrain.

Likewise on the Alsne sector held by Likewise on the Aisne sector held by the French the Germans threw in larg effectives in an endeavor to push

back the line. At several places the es to a depth of 500 yards and French line bent under the impetus of Struma River sector.

LEGISLATION IS FORECAST Members of his Committees of Both Eighteen Were Sunk Lest Weste Houses at White House Conference. Dashington, May 16 .- Re-drafting

REDRAFTING OF FOOD

of food legislation pending in congress to meet the views of the administra-tion was forecast today in the request of the senate agriculture committee that the house committee name a

The administration program calls for three measures, one to promote food production, another providing regulatory measures, and the third giving authority to insure preferential shipments to food supplies. The first two bills are pending in the house and the third was introduced today in both houses.

CONCESSIONS MADE TO NEW
HAVEN ROAD FREIGHT CLERKS.
Two Saturday Half Holidays Each
Month and 8 Per Cent. Wage Increase.

The high water mark in the destruction of large vessels was reached in the report of April 24, when forty such vessels were amounted.

Boston, May 16.—Freight clerks of the New York, New Haven and Hart-ford railroad will receive an 8 per cent. increase in wages dating from May 4 under the agreement reached today. according to a statement by union leaders tonight. They will be given two Saturday half holidays each

Between 4,000 and 5,000 Acres of

BRITISH WEEKLY STATEMENT OF LOSSES OF VESSELS

Forty Were Sunk Week Ending

April 26. London, May 16, 6.30 p. m. - Eight-en British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk during the that the house committee name a sub-committee to assist it in drawing new bills.

Members of the committees in both houses received a clear idea at a White House conference last night of what the administration wants enacted into law.

The administration program calls for three measures, one to promote five.

house and the third was into today in both houses.

The first house bill probably will be allowed to stand as it is but the second will be changed to give to the president regulatory powers vested in the bill in the agriculture department. The second bill also will authorize creation of an emergency food agency to operate under direction of the president.

In large vessels, the decrease was from 24 to 18. The most marked drop, however, was in the number of small-fer vessels destroyed. Last we construct that 1,600 tons were reported suck in contrast with the five in this species.

GUATEMALA'S RESOURCES. What It Can Do as an Ally of This

Country Against Germany. leaders tonight. They will be given two Saturday half holidays each month with pay, and vacations will be granted on the following basis:

Clerks with the company one year, one week; with the company two years, ten days; with the company five adds to the world alliance against years and more two weeks.

The Court of Appeals yesterday announced that candidates for admission to the Bar who enlist in the army or navy, or act as ambulance aides during war, will be credited on their law work for a period of time not to exceed one year.

A sentence of three years' penal servitude was meted out to Anthony he of cables at the press bureau, London, he of communicating information calculated to be useful to the enemy.

Benan J. Dawes, president Woodland Burned Over—Loss Esti-mated at \$25,000.

Setween 4,000 and 5,000 Acres of One-third the nonulation.

The total available unorganized military strength of Gustemain is 222,000 men, which is three-fourth as large

legislation.

Lodge Resents Being Called Slacker.

"In observations frequently made, we have been called slackers and it has been said we are doing nothing." Senator Lodge saod. "Six weeks ago today the war was declared. I have never worked so hard or so much as since the declaration of war. We began by passing four great loan bills: we've passed through both houses a bill providing for selective conscription.

"England and Canada have been discussing conscription for three years. We've done it in both houses inside of a fortnight."

The senator reviewed other measures which have been passed by the senator.

"T say that remarkable work has been done," he added.

The STEENGTH OF